

House Bill 940

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, England of the 108th, and Bearden of the 68th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to provide for annual observance of "Georgia Day" in public elementary and
4 secondary schools; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, is
9 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-148.

11 The twelfth day of February in each year shall be observed in all public elementary and
12 secondary schools in this state, under the name of 'Georgia Day,' as the anniversary of the
13 landing of the first colonists in Georgia under Oglethorpe; and it shall be the duty of the
14 local boards of education annually to cause the teachers of the schools under their
15 supervision to conduct on that day exercises in which the pupils shall take part, consisting
16 of written compositions, readings, recitations, addresses, or other exercises appropriate to
17 the various grade levels, relating to this state and its history and to the lives of distinguished
18 Georgians. When such date falls on a day which is not a school day, Georgia Day shall be
19 observed on the following school day."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.